

House Resolution

No. 71

Introduced by Assembly Member Wesson

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House Resolution No. 71—Relative to commending the Honorable Kevin Shelley.

1 WHEREAS, The tenure of the Honorable Kevin Shelley with
2 the California State Assembly is drawing to a close following six
3 years of exemplary service, and it is appropriate at this time to
4 highlight the many achievements of his illustrious tenure and to
5 extend to him the highest commendations of the people of the
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, Kevin Shelley, the son of former San Francisco
8 Mayor Jack Shelley, grew up believing that public service is a way
9 of life, and after graduating from the University of California, San
10 Francisco, Hastings College of the Law, he worked in the San
11 Francisco nonprofit community and on the staff of Congressman
12 Phil Burton, and he considers both Jack Shelley and Phil Burton
13 his political mentors; and

14 WHEREAS, The tradition of public service includes a third
15 mentor for Kevin Shelley, his mother, Thelma Shelley, as she
16 served as the General Manager of the War Memorial and
17 Performing Arts Center in San Francisco; and the family tradition
18 also includes his sister, Joan Marie, a teacher and past president of
19 the United Educators of San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, Kevin Shelley was elected to the State Assembly
21 in 1996 to represent the 12th District, comprised of San Francisco
22 and San Mateo Counties, and from his tenure as President of the

1 San Francisco Board of Supervisors to his present role as
2 Assembly Majority Leader, for which he was selected in 1998,
3 there has been one theme in Kevin Shelley's career: the fight for
4 reform; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as Majority Leader, he
6 serves on the Elections, Reapportionment, and Constitutional
7 Amendments Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Labor and
8 Employment Committee, the Select Committee on Earthquake
9 Safety and Preparedness, and the Select Committee on Gun
10 Violence; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, his top priority is legislation to reform and
12 modernize California's voting machinery and processes because
13 he believes that to change California, we need to change the way
14 Californians vote; and

15 WHEREAS, Majority Leader Kevin Shelley has created a
16 comprehensive voting reform package for California; he authored
17 Proposition 41, the Voting Modernization Act and crafted
18 Assembly Bill 1520, which was subsequently enacted by the
19 Legislature, allowing voters to permanently vote from home, and
20 his bill, Assembly Bill 55, an omnibus reform measure, includes
21 provisions to extend polling places, improve poll worker training,
22 and post a Voters' Bill of Rights in every voting booth; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to his voting reform legislation,
24 Majority Leader Kevin Shelley is a tireless advocate for the people
25 of California in that he authored the California Nursing Home
26 Reform Act of 2000 and 2001, the most comprehensive and
27 significant nursing home bills in a generation; legislation
28 providing for significant elder abuse reporting, training, and
29 prevention; the Healthy Schools Act, which grants parents and
30 teachers the right to know about pesticide use in their schools; the
31 Gun Violence Protection Act of 2001, to increase safety
32 requirements for new gun purchases; one of the nation's toughest
33 clinic protection ordinances to preserve a woman's right to choose;
34 comprehensive pollutant-monitoring laws that restored funding to
35 the California Clean Air Act; the Marine Life Protection Act;
36 red-light runner and pedestrian safety legislation to make the
37 streets safer for walkers, bicyclists, and drivers; and one of the
38 strongest Sunshine Laws in the nation, to make government more
39 accountable; and



1 WHEREAS, Majority Leader Kevin Shelley received the
2 Legislator of the Year Award for his work on behalf of the rights
3 of women, he was declared the “Most Valuable Player 2000” by
4 the California Consumer Federation, he was a two-time recipient
5 of the James Madison Award for good government/sunshine laws
6 for his work in ensuring greater public access to government
7 documents and processes, he was declared Legislator of the Year
8 2002 by the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California, and
9 he has received a 100 percent rating from numerous consumer and
10 public advocacy groups; and

11 WHEREAS, He and his wife, Dominique Baudry, a public
12 school teacher, are the proud parents of their son, Jack, who was
13 born on November 19, 2001, and the family lives in San Francisco;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Through his public service activities he has made
16 a significant impact on the people of the 12th Assembly District
17 and throughout the state, and he will be greatly missed by those
18 individuals with whom he has been associated; now, therefore, be
19 it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
21 Members express their commendations and appreciation to their
22 colleague, the Honorable Kevin Shelley, for his outstanding record
23 of dedicated service to his constituents and to all of the people of
24 California, and convey to him best wishes for every success in his
25 future endeavors.

